

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2009, on the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 27-54 are pending in this application.

With this amendment, claims 45-54 are withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner requested a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 between the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 27-44, drawn to a first apparatus.

Group II: Claims 45-49, drawn to a second apparatus.

Group III: Claims 50-54, drawn to a third apparatus and first method.

In response to the requirement for restriction, the Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 27-44, drawn to a first apparatus, and withdraw claims 45-54.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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